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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/724,313	GONZALEZ ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Neil Levy	1616

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 December 2004.
2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-3,5-8,10-23,25-27 and 29-48 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 35 and 37-42 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-3,5-8,10-14,16,20-22,27,33,34,43 and 44 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 15,17-19,23,25,26,29-32 and 45-48 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) 1-3,5-8,10-23,25-27 and 29-48 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 35, 37-42 stand withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 2/27/04.

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-14, 16, 20-22, 27, 33-34, 43 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Neumiller ~~et al.~~ 5145604.

The rejection of record is maintained, with consideration that ~~through~~ all aspects as claimed of the composition, is taught.

The specified components are aqueous at 75+% (col. 5, line 17-21) including Deet up to 20% (col. 6, lines 17-19). Propane in 2-25% (line 24-29). Primary alcohol is in the aqueous phase at up to 3.5%. Polyhydroxy ester is at 6% (col. 6, top) -~~50~~. The composition is within all requirements of the instant concentration, since $6\% + 20\% + 3.5\% = 30\%$, and thus the 75% water phase is 45% water. We see this as *prima facie obvious* because Neumiller also specifies the instant required % ranges of required components in those ranges. As to the form, we see Neumiller as a dispersion.

Applicant's arguments filed on 12/13/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's arguments to Neumiller are that it is not anticipatory; we have shown where in fact Neumiller recites the composition as instantly claimed. As to the form, it is not clear upon reading the claimed composition, that a solution of water, alcohol, propellant and repellent is possible. However, Hawley shows emulsions are

dispersions. Applicant's arguments re 112 rejection, 103 rejection with Dohara, and Mailänder and Chausses are convincing; they are withdrawn.

Claims 15, 17-19, 23, 27, 29-32, 45-48 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Neil Levy whose telephone number is (571) 272-0619. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday 7 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gray Kunz can be reached on (571) 272-0887. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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